

## **Open Bidding for Expo Entertainment and Performance Center**

As of July 13, 2006, organizations and individuals from all over the world can submit architectural designs for an entertainment and performance center for the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai.

The new center will be constructed on the southern bank of the Huangpu River. It will mainly host theatrical performances, celebration ceremonies, art exhibitions and academic exchange during the 2010 World Expo.

The center is expected to occupy nearly 80,000 square meters, with a performance hall that can seat 3,500.

In 2010, visitors will be able to reach the center via Metro Line No. 8, currently still under construction, a new extension of the Maglev train and the South Xizang Road Tunnel.

Officials from the Shanghai municipal government said that the design of the center should incorporate impressive entertainment features, the theme of "Better City, Better Life," and other Expo concepts.

The center will remain a landmark entertainment center after the close of the six-month Expo.

Organizations should contact Shanghai International Tendering Co., Ltd. for more information and for registration.

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Individuals can submit their biddings to the Office for the Entertainment and Performance Center for the World Expo 2010 Shanghai China.

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There will be an evaluation committee made up of experts which will select 10 finalists and 10 honorary awardees. The award for finalists will be RMB50,000 each. The award for honorary awardees will be RMB2,000 each. Out of the 10 finalists, the committee will select 5 winners, awarding them RMB300,000 each (the award for finalists is included in this amount).

The bidding will be closed on August 22, 2006.

For more detailed information, please visit the following website:

<http://www.expo2010china.com/expo/english/eu/eh/userobject1ai33481.html>

<http://www.expo2010china.com/expo/chinese/sbdt/news/sbsd/userobject1ai33406.html>